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ADVISORY ON COMPUTER HACKERS REIMBURSEMENT:

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KWWL-TV in Waterloo and Drake University announced today that KWWL has agreed to reimburse Drake for the expenses caused by the unauthorized entry by computer hackers into a Drake computer last January.

While the hackers did not damage the computer, Drake officials incurred expenses in checking their system following the entry. KWWL has agreed to reimburse Drake for these expenses.

Jim Waterbury, general manager of KWWL, commented on the settlement: "Our intention was to focus on computer hacking. We wanted to show that unauthorized computer hacking is a serious public problem. We believe it was an important story. But in the process of preparing the story, we got too involved in the problem we were trying to demonstrate. This involvement tended to shift the story from hacking to Drake University, which caused Drake needless embarrassment and expense. On behalf of KWWL, I want the Drake University community to know that we regret the inconvenience we have caused."

Dr. Wilbur Miller, President of Drake, stated, "I am pleased with the attitude and cooperation of KWWL officials and with the reimbursement of expenses which had been caused by the computer penetration."

Drake University and KWWL-TV have agreed not to divulge the amount of the reimbursement.

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